

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
September 13 and 14, 2011  
ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

NOTE: ITEMS IN **BOLDFACE PRINT** REFLECT OFFICIAL BOARD ACTIONS

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011 a Regular Meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board ("Board") was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 160 N. LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at approximately 10:00 A.M. the following Board members were present: Chairman Jaffe, Members Charles Gardner, and Joseph Moore. At 10:10 A.M. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, Chairman Jaffe called the meeting to order. Pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (14) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat gambling Act, Member Gardner moved that **the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss the items listed under Closed Session on today's agenda and relating to the following subject matters:**

1. **Personnel matters;**
2. **Investigations concerning applicants and licensees; and**
3. **Closed session minutes.**

Member Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. The Board recessed at 12:35 P.M.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2011 the meeting reconvened at 11:40 A.M. Present were the following Board Members: Chairman Jaffe, Members Charles Gardner, Eugene Winkler, and Joseph Moore.

The Board remained in Closed Session until approximately 12:10 P.M. The Board recessed and went into open session at 1:03 P.M. Present were the following: Chairman Jaffe, Members Charles Gardner, Eugene Winkler, and Joseph Moore.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Moore moved that **the Board approve the open session minutes of its Regular Meeting of August 24, 2011.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/COMMENTS –**

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS –**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –**

Administrator Ostrowski stated the next Riverboat Regular Board meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Chicago. The Administrator also stated that the next Video Gaming Regular Board meeting will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Chicago, Illinois.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY –**

- Kathy Gilroy –

Good afternoon, Chairman Jaffe, Members of the Board and staff. My name is Kathy Gilroy. I am speaking today as a member of the public.

There are not many ways that a member of the public can check if casinos are complying with the law. Their advertising is one way. A section of Illinois law on compulsive gambling requires casinos to include in their advertising a statement on obtaining assistance with gambling problems. After that law was passed by the legislature, it took years for the Department of Human Services to determine what language was required, submit it for public commentary, revise it, and get the final result approved by JCAR. But, that happened many years ago.

In their requests for renewal of their licenses, many Illinois casinos tout their training of employees on compulsive gambling. But, at the same time, some of their advertising does not comply with that law on compulsive gambling. Today, you are considering the renewal of Harrah's Casino license. In June, Harrah's ran an ad where the required language did not appear at all. I submitted it to your staff. Subsequent advertising had some language, but not what was required, and it was still barely readable. I submitted that Harrah's ad to your staff as well. Harrah's latest advertising does have the correct language, but it is still in a type that is hard to read.

I thank your staff for calling this to Harrah's attention, and I thank Harrah's for making some corrections. But, it bothers me that Harrah's had to be asked to do that. My question is: Why was it necessary for a member of the public to bring up this issue in the first place? It may seem like a minor issue to some. But, it makes me worry that if Harrah's is not in compliance with the law on something so obvious to the public, what other not-so-obvious-to-the-public issues might there be?

It's not just Harrah's. I thank Rivers Casino for making the correction to the proper language in their advertising after I submitted several of their ads to your staff. Casino Queen has been running some advertising with the proper language, but in barely-readable type. Grand Victoria Casino had been using incorrect language, but used the correct language in the latest ad that I saw. I questioned Grand Victoria's use of the words "pending IGB approval" in an ad for a promotion. It seems that that is boiler-plate. I haven't seen any recent advertising by other Illinois casinos.

The law on compulsive gambling only mandates that that language be included on “paper stock”. But, I think it would make sense for casinos to also include that language in other advertising, whether it be radio, TV, billboards, online, video, etc. doing so would show that they are doing more than the minimum required when it comes to compulsive gambling. I noticed that Rivers Casino is already including it in their TV commercials. Thank you to Rivers Casino for that. I would also suggest that the statement on obtaining assistance with compulsive gambling should be on the homepage of the Illinois Gaming Board web-site. When over 8,000 people have already requested to be in the Self-Exclusion Program in Illinois, the need for obtaining help with compulsive gambling is evident.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

### **OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS**

- Item for Initial Consideration –
  - Argosy Casino Alton – License Renewal

Rich Laudon, General Manager of the Argosy Casino Alton initiated a power point presentation for the license renewal of the owner’s license.

### **The following is a synopsis of the Argosy Casino Alton’s presentation for their license renewal:**

General Manager Rich Laudon introduced a few of the administrative staff members that were present for the meeting.

Tom Hoechst, the Mayor of Alton appeared before the Board to express his appreciation for Argosy Casino Alton. He went on to state that since its inception Alton has benefitted from the riverboat. The Argosy Casino Alton is responsible for a great deal of improvements to the town including a new law enforcement center. The Mayor also stated that the Argosy Alton donated \$65,000 for a police boat to be purchased. Mayor Hoechst stated that Argosy Alton is a perfect corporate neighbor. The Mayor went on to state that because of the presence of Argosy Casino Alton the river front was extensively developed.

- Hollywood Casino Aurora, Inc. – Himbert J. Sinopoli, Vice President and General Manager – Level One

Based on staff’s investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board approve Himbert J. Sinopoli as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Vice President and General Manager for Hollywood Casino Aurora, Inc., in Aurora, Illinois.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – William E. Keena, General Manager – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board approve William E. Keena as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of General Manager for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – Corey J. Wise, Vice President of Finance – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Gardner moved that **the Board approve Corey J. Wise as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Vice President of Finance for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – Jose R. Lebron, Vice President of Table Games – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Gardner moved that **the Board approve Jose R. Lebron as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Vice President of Table Games for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – Albert Geldres, Vice President of Slot Operations – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Winkler moved that **the Board approve Albert Geldres as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Vice President of Slot Operations for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – Charles S. Green, Vice President of Operations – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Winkler moved that **the Board approve Charles S. Green as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Vice President of Operations for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – Travis L. Clarke, Director of Security – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board approve Travis L. Clarke as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Director of Security for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines – John C. Budnyk, Director of Surveillance – Level One

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board approve John C. Budnyk as an Occupational Licensee Level One in the position of Director of Surveillance for Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines in Des Plaines, Illinois.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – DesPlaines – Ownership Approval

Based on a review of staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Gardner moved **to approve the following trusts, that intend to indirectly own interests in Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino – Des Plaines through High Plains Gaming, LLC.**

1. Jordan Weaver Gift Trust
2. Lillian Weaver Gift Trust

Member Gardner further moved **pursuant to Section 3000.235 of the Adopted Rules to approve the corresponding redemption of interests in Midwest Gaming Holdings, LLC and the issuance of interests to High Plains Gaming, LLC consistent with the financing documents previously provided to the Board.** Member Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

### **SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEM**

- Shuffle Master, Inc. – Michael Gavin Issacs, CEO – Key Person

Based on a review of staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Winkler moved **to approve Michael Gavin Isaacs as a Key Person of Shuffle Master, Inc. in his position as Chief Executive Officer and Director.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

## **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES APPROVALS & DENIALS – LEVEL 2s & 3s**

- Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board find suitable and approve 78 applications for an Occupational License, Level 2, and 155 applications for an Occupational License, Level 3.**

Further, Member Moore moved that **the Administrator issue a Notice of Denial to the following individuals who received notice that staff intended to recommend denial and either did not respond or did not provide additional information which rebutted the recommendations:**

1. **Ramiro J. Jimenez;**
3. **Jason Adam Branch;**
4. **Adolfo Romo;**
5. **Erika Vanessa House;**
6. **Howard Rubin;**
7. **Regina R. Pegues; and**
8. **Antron E. Hoover.**

Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Based on staff's investigation, Member Gardner moved that **the Board find Osvaldo Salgado suitable for licensing and approve his application for an Occupational License, Level 3.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe opposed the motion. Member Moore was in favor of the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.
- Based on staff's investigation, Member Gardner moved that **the Board find Shelley Denise Chandler suitable for licensing and approve her application for an Occupational License, Level 2.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe opposed the motion. Member Moore was in favor of the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.
- Based on staff's investigation, Member Winkler moved that **the Board find Gerald Michael Bianchi suitable for licensing and approve his application for an Occupational License, Level 2.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe opposed the motion. Member Moore was in favor of the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.
- Based on staff's investigation, Member Winkler moved that **the Board find Sherry Lynne Robinson suitable for licensing and approve her application for an Occupational License, Level 2.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe and Member Moore opposed the motion. The motion did not pass.
- Based on staff's investigation, Member Moore moved that **the Board find Angelia D. Roberts suitable for licensing and approve her application for an Occupational**

**License, Level 2.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe opposed the motion. Member Gardner was in favor of the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.

- Based on staff's investigation, Member Moore moved that **the Board find Debra A. Davis suitable for licensing and approve her application for an Occupational License, Level 3.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe opposed the motion. Member Winkler was in favor of the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.
- Based on staff's investigation, Member Gardner moved that **the Board find Gretchen Caruthers suitable for licensing and approve her application for an Occupational License, Level 2.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe and Member Moore opposed the motion. The motion did not pass.
- Based on staff's investigation, Member Gardner moved that **the Board find Danielle M. Wosik suitable for licensing and approve her application for an Occupational License, Level 2.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. Chairman Jaffe and Member Moore opposed the motion. The motion did not pass.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING/ALJ REPORT –**

- Requests for Hearing – Breland L. McKnight, Justin Michael Torres and Gregory Andrew Mandrek

Based on the review of staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Winkler moved that **Breland L. McKnight's, Justin Michael Torres' and Gregory Andrew Mandrek's requests for a hearing be denied based on the fact that they have offered no facts that establish a prima facie case.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **PROPOSED COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS –**

- Claudia Machicado – Occupational Licensee

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint against Claudia Machicado, an Occupational Licensee, due to her admission of theft of currency from a patron of Grand Victoria Casino.**

Further, Member Moore moved that **the Board revoke Claudia Machicado's Occupational License. Said action to take effect twenty-one (21) days from the date of service of the complaint unless the Licensee files an Answer within that time period.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

At 1:47 P.M. Member Winkler motioned to adjourn and Member Gardner seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Boruta  
Secretary to the Administrator